

**REMARKS**

Applicant has cancelled pending claims and combined the defendant claims 10, 11, 12 and 13 into claim 22. Claim 23 further defines the temperature range in original claim 14. The claims are also supported by the examples in the specification.

The amended claims 22 and 23 make it clear that the separation occurs in an aqueous system as opposed to organic system of Reeve 5,800,711. The claims as amended are believed to be free and clear of the art. The references alone or in combination do not show or suggest the claimed invention. The claimed invention is much more than mere optimization of condition, it provides a specified solution to a very difficult separation problem. The fact that the claimed method will perform the separation is wholly unpredictable.

Allowance of claims 22 and 23 and passage of the case to issue are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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